

SENATE BILL 26

By Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401, relative to hearings concerning the suspension or expulsion of a student.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3401(c)(6), is amended by adding the following sentence immediately preceding the last sentence of the subdivision:

If the board conducts a hearing as a result of a request for review by a student, principal, principal-teacher or assistant principal, then, notwithstanding any provision of the open meetings act, laws compiled in title 8, chapter 44, or other law to the contrary, such hearing shall be closed to the public unless the student or student's parent or guardian requests in writing within five (5) days after receipt of written notice of the hearing that the hearing be conducted as an open meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.